

## Maryland Pesticide Reporting and Information Workgroup Duties

- Identify any pesticide use data gaps;
- Determine the need for a data reporting program;
- Determine the appropriate format to make data available for research;
- Review scientific research and data regarding the use of pesticides and the potential for harm from pesticides;
- Determine and make recommendations regarding how to protect the privacy of a person reporting data;
- Determine and make recommendations regarding the best method for assembling and maintaining data;
- Determine the need for and make recommendations regarding regulations and guidelines needed for a consistent, unified database;
- Determine and make recommendations regarding whether legislation is necessary to facilitate access to pesticide information and data;
- Determine whether it is feasible to gather data from retailers and homeowners;
- Study the current federal process to approve a pesticide for use;
- Conduct a cost-benefit analysis of implementing and maintaining a data reporting program and any recommendations that will have an economic impact on the state.
- Study the impacts of using organic pesticides on farms; and
- Consult with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and other federal agencies when the Workgroup determines it necessary.